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Tadzhik SSR must maintain a place of leadership in the scientific world in view of the memorable achievements of the affiliate. Small as the affiliate was, its research in cotton growing and forestry, its astronomical and seismological studies, and its many works on Tadzhik language, literature, and history will go down in the annals of Tadzhikistan history.

From all indications the new academy will be quite capable of continuing the work of the affiliate

and there is no reason why, very shortly, the academy should not be renowned in its own right. The academy's nucleus of scientific personnel consists of persons who have already made their mark in Soviet science. Moreover, the state's paternalistic attitude, which has done so much to develop science in the Tadzhik SSR, is clearly shown in the 14 April 1951 decree of the Council of Ministers Tadzhik SSR, which approved the active and corresponding membership of the new academy. (2)

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The preamble of this 14 April 1951 decree stipulates that there will be 17 active members and 19 corresponding members of the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR, but in keeping with the democratic principles of the Soviet system, six active members and five corresponding members are to be elected in 1952 by the academy's General Assembly. In this manner there will be ample opportunity for deserving scientists of the Tadzhik SSR to gain membership in the academy.

The above-mentioned decree approves the following appointments

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Active Members

1. Sadriddin Ayni, Doctor of Philological Sciences
2. Ivan Nikolayevich Antipov-Karatayev, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences
3. Bobodzhan Gafurovich Gafurov, Candidate in Historical Sciences
4. Babadzhan Niyazmukhamedov, Doctor of Philological Sciences
5. Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Semenov, Doctor of Historical Sciences
6. Semen Ivanovich Pleshko, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences
7. Nikolay Valdislavovich Smol'skiy, Candidate in Agricultural Sciences
8. Mirzo Tursun-Zade
9. Sadarzhhan Yusupova, Doctor of Geologicomineralogical Sciences
10. Khikmat Abdullayevich Yuldashev, architect
11. Aleksandr Yur'yevich Yakubovskiy

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Corresponding Members

1. Gulyam Aliyevich Aliyev
2. Nikolay Fedorovich Berezkin
3. Alautdin Bogoutdinov
4. Iosif Samuilovich Braginskiy
5. Vyacheslav Prokof'yevich Krasichkov
6. Abdugani Mirzoyev
7. Ibadulla Kasymovich Narzikulov
8. Pavel Nikolayevich Ovchinaikov
9. Petr Andreyevich Pankratov
10. Leonid Fedorovich Paradoksov
11. Vyacheslav Fedorovich Petrov
12. Zarif Sharipovich Radzhabov
13. Yakh'ya Abdullayevich Rakhimov
14. Satym Ulug-Zade

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The new academy convened its first meeting at 1800 hours on 14 April 1951 at the State Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Stalinabad.

Many famous scientists of Tadzhikistan and other parts of the USSR attended. The Presidium for this first meeting was composed of the following: B. G. Gafurov, Secretary, TsK KP(b) of Tadzhikistan; Rasulov, Chairman, Council of Ministers, Tadzhik SSR; Dodkhudoyev, Chairman, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR; Pulatov and Khalikov, secretaries, TsK KP(b) of Tadzhikistan; V. P. Nikitin, member, Presidium, Academy of Sciences USSR; Academician Ye. N. Pavlovskiy; A. Yu. Yakubovskiy, corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences USSR; K. S. Satpayev, President, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR; and other famous scientists from neighboring republics and local scientific organizations.

The speakers at this meeting stressed the fact that this momentous occasion was a result of the Soviet state's attitude toward the development of science. They stated that the wastelands which once existed here, through the paternalism of the party of Lenin and Stalin, been converted into kolkhozes, farms, and orchards yielding abundant harvests, while areas unsuited to crop farming have given rich harvests of raw materials, consumers' goods, and scientific achievements from the various mines, factories, schools, and scientific institutions which have mushroomed during the Soviet era.

The speakers expressed the gratitude the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR will always feel toward the Academy of Sciences USSR, which originally conducted intensive studies of the republic's natural resources, later organized the Tadzhik Affiliate, and finally provided for the training of Tadzhik nationals at the affiliate and at the home institutes of the Academy of Sciences USSR, with the result that today the peoples of Tadzhikistan can successfully make their own way in USSR scientific circles.

Rasulov, speaking for the assembled scientists of the republic, requested Academician V. P. Nikitin to convey to President of the Academy of Sciences USSR Nesmeyanov, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences USSR Bardin, Academician Volgin, and Scientific Secretary Vinogradov the heartfelt thanks of the peoples of Tadzhikistan, particularly the members of the new academy, for the aid and assistance given so unstintingly.

Rasulov credited much of the development of science in the Tadzhik SSR to the personal efforts of Academician Ye. N. Pavlovskiy.

Later in the meeting Academician Pavlovskiy explained the task which faces the new academy. He credited the people and particularly the scientists of Tadzhikistan with making it possible to develop the present academy from its humble beginnings as a base. Pavlovskiy recommended, as did Rasulov, that the new academy should strive to become the scientific headquarters of the Tadzhik SSR, and that one of its major tasks would be the complete study and understanding of the republic's natural resources.

Other congratulatory speeches were delivered by the following: Godnev, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Belorussian SSR; Abdulayev, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences Uzbek SSR; Academician Satpayev, President of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR; Topchibashev, Vice-President, Academy of Sciences Azerbaydzhan SSR; Dzhamgerchinov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, representative of the Kirgiz Affiliate, Academy of Sciences USSR; Berdyev, chief of the delegation from the Turkmen Affiliate, Academy of Sciences USSR; Professor Bonchkovskiy, representative of the Geography Institute, Academy of Sciences USSR; and Bragin-skiy, deputy director, Institute of Orientalia, Academy of Sciences USSR.

On 15 April the first session of the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR will continue its work. There will be a General Assembly of the academy, at which time elections will be held for the honorary members, president, vice-presidents,

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and academician-secretary of the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR. There will also be a plenary meeting at the session. (1)

The organization of the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR is being hailed in lay circles as well as in scientific circles. The city of Stalinabad has taken on a festive air. The buildings and streets are decked with bunting. Many of the libraries are organizing special exhibits to show the development of science in the republic. Students and common laborers are holding meetings to commemorate the occasion. Special excursions have been organized for the visiting dignitaries. Among the points of interest which they will view will be the Mountain-Botanical Station, the Stalinabad Botanical Gardens, the Kray Studies Museum, and the Seismic Station at the Tadzhik State University, and the Kolkhoz imeni Stalin. (2)

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